

Today, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) joined other Representatives and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to announce legislation to fix the nation's broken background check system. The bill matches comprehensive legislation recently introduced in the Senate and is supported by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley.

“Last year, the Supreme Court made clear that we can protect both the 2nd amendment and our citizens,” said Rep. Mike Quigley. “Now it’s time for Congress to marginalize the extremes of this debate, close the gun show loophole, and strengthen our laws already on the books. Ultimately, we can keep guns out of the hands of terrorists, felons, and the mentally ill and protect children in Chicago and the safety of all Americans.”

The gun show loophole is a gap in federal law that allows private gun dealers to sell weapons to anyone—including terrorists, felons, and the mentally disabled—without performing background checks.

“Too often, any serious discussion about guns devolves into ideological arguments that have nothing to do with the real problem,” said Mayor Bloomberg. “Our coalition strongly believes in the Second Amendment. We also know from experience that we can keep guns away from dangerous people without imposing burdens on law-abiding gun owners.”

